

# SPEAK UP OR PAY THE PRICE FOR COST-SHIFTING



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# INSPIRING SENIORS

**Inspirational Seniors Thomas** and Hana Jay have been recognised for their work with children with learning disorders which helps them reach their full potential. Now in their eighties, the couple provides an individual program for each child through Jays Education, for only a small tutorial fee. They also support the parents and encourage them, as they believe in never giving up on a child. Their motto: "Nothing changes if nothing changes.' It's great to have people like this as part of our community.

# COMMUNITY CHAT:

Every 2nd Saturday: 9am-midday, Wellington Point Village

Every 2nd Tuesday: 5pm-6pm, Ormiston Shopping Village

#### For regular updates

Facebook: Wendy Boglary

Web: www.wendyboglary.com.au

# Lobby for more consultation

My passion as a councillor is to achieve positive outcomes for our City, which also encompasses researching changes made by the State Government that will impact negatively on you.

Of particular concern for me, at present, is the blatant cost-shifting from developers to communities in the State Government's proposed changes to infrastructure charges. They are suggesting developers pay less for essential service infrastructure such as water, sewerage and roads ... with local councils picking up the tab. The Government says councils can use "other revenue sources" to fund this greater percentage. They say councils can:

- increase rates
- increase debt
- reduce services.

This is not acceptable to me, as the State Government must accept its responsibility and provide some assurance that local communities will not be sacrificed due to the extra millions councils will have to pay. The Local Government Association of Queensland has said the change would have "catastrophic financial effects" on local communities.

I will be raising this issue with Ministers at the Local Government Association Conference and strongly urge the community to make a stand and question the State Government's obvious attempt to undermine the financial stability of local councils and downgrade the liveability of our communities. Please approach our State MPs and say "enough is enough"!

As a matter of interest, developers are also lobbying the Government as they don't believe these changes are the solution.



### **Community engagement**

Recently at the Women's Expo I held a booth to seek community input into the revision of the Redlands Planning Scheme. Congratulations to the Redlands Centre for Women team for an excellent community day.



### **Erosion addressed**

After discussions with residents, a new foreshore rockwall has been completed on Sleath Street at Ormiston, addressing erosion issues. The adjoining boat ramp is popular with kayakers and small boat users.

# Village safety

After working with local traders for two years on a local area traffic management study, there will soon be some changes in Wellington Point Village. Parking times will increase to 1 hour, there will be more disabled parking bays and a larger area will be included in the 40kph zone. These changes will boost safety for our community.

#### **Telstra tower**

After community input and consultation, Council has approved a new Telstra tower at EGW Woods Reserve, Wellington Point. I've worked hard to achieve an outcome that satisfies the majority but while there remains disagreement on placement of the tower, I believe we have exhausted all other locations and options. A full timeline of this application is available at www.wendyboglary.com.au.

# Congratulations

The contribution of Ormiston College to the education standards of Redland over the past 25 years is highly valued. I look forward to continuing working with the school in the years to come. Exciting and dynamic new buildings are under construction and the college community should be very proud.

# Winners

Congratulations to Stones on The Main at Wellington Point on being named as joint winner in the "restaurant" category of the Redland Retail Awards. Locals and visitors alike enjoy the warm atmosphere ... so come along and enjoy a night in our village.

